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Applicant: Kenneth J. Carstensen

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Title: CONNECTABLE ROD SYSTEM FOR DRIVING DOWNHOLE PUMPS FOR FIELD INSTLALATIONS

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

SAC 1. A connection for sucker rods used in strings in petroleum wells comprising:
a pair of sucker rods, each having a pin end with a flat transverse end face and at least an adjacent male threaded section;
a coupler having at least two interior female threaded sections receiving the male threaded sections of the pin ends, wherein the pin ends of the sucker rods include coupler end engagement members spaced apart from the end faces; and
the pin ends are dimensioned in length relative to the coupler to provide compressional loading forces between opposing end faces of the pin ends when the male